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The Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and preserve the natural resources of the planet Earth, and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, land, forest, and wildlife.

The Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act

“Whether you think you can, or whether you think you can’t, you’re right”

--Henry Ford

OREGON’s Attorney General, Ellen Rosenblum has filed a lawsuit in Multnomah circuit Court, against allegedly misleading labels making *false claims* that product fails to live up to.

The lawsuit implicates *Living Essentials* and its parent company, *Innovation Ventures*, makers of *5-hour Energy*. The companies adorned their drink’s virtues in ads via internet, print, radio, and TV. The concoction is sold in over 100,000 retail locations in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA), including automotive stores, convenience stores, hardware stores, major drug-stores, as well as major grocery retail chain stores.

(Source: July 18, 2014, MAIL TRIBUNE, “*Oregon sues 5-hour Energy maker*” by Greg Stiles)

Unjust Cost Accounting

What you pay at the supermarket counter for food *Produced by Genetic Engineering* is NOT the true cost of *Genetically Modified Organisms* (GMOs). What is NOT factored into your grocery bill are all the farm subsidies you pay through your personal income taxes.

Produced by Genetic Engineering also costs you the pollution of the *Ocean* and other waterways due to runoff of nitrogen fertilizer, and another cost is petrochemical herbicide contamination pollution of local drinking water. The real cost of AG TECH’s GMO food is destruction of biodiversity, carbon emissions, climate change, and exploitation of the rainforests.

AG TECH’s patented GMO seeds *Produced by Genetic Engineering* cost the *American People* the loss of soil nutrients and top soil through monocrop farming practices.

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The Real Price You Pay

Do you know that gene engineered food is also called “*Pharma*,” “*Pharmaceutical*,” or “*Pharmacological*” crops. By introducing drugs into food it was thought to have **massive population control** likelihood.

Besides the environmental concerns and diminished soil fertility caused by the cultivation of food *Produced by Genetic Engineering*, independent scientific studies of animals fed GMOs show infertility and worse. **One wonders if human infertility actually is one of the “promising developments” of genetic engineering in agriculture.**

According to the *Pew Research Center*, fertility has dropped to a record low of 62.9 births per 1,000 women of childbearing age in the USA. Young couples here are having a harder time conceiving.

One wonders how much the RNA of AMERICA’s Kindergarteners through 12th graders has been altered by *Genetic Engineering* (GE) food risk allowed by the federal agencies upon our entire population. K-12th graders are fed unlabeled GMO/GE food by school cafeterias.

Our bodies are being invaded, as well as our soil. There were none long-term safety tests done before the government experiment was unleashed upon the U.S. Population. The USA’s “*three month*” safety requirement policy is **Genetic Roulette gambling**. The government has gambled with the lives of your grandchildren and future generations. Since gambling is a behavior that is illegal in most states, why not GMOs.

Moms all across AMERICA wonder whether school lunch programs are feeding kids food containing DUPONT-MONSANTO’s *Epicyte* gene for *irreversible sterility* of boys and girls without parents’ informed consent. If **Generation Y**, is still able to bear children, will their **Generation Z** babies be born sterile or with birth defects. Please label GMOs—do it for the kids.

(Sources: July 2014, DELICIOUS LIVING, “*Watchword*” by Patrick Holden; www.deliciousliving.com/watchword; www.lexiconofsustainability.com ; www.seedsofdeath.com ; July 17, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, “*As births Slow, P & G Turns to Adult Diapers*” by Serena Ng)

Mineral Bio-Unavailability is Food Injustice

Dear Reader, when I wonder whether you know something, I’m wondering if you’ll already know that **a former pro-GMO scientist, Dr. Thierry Vrain has admitted that engineered food is depleted of essential nutrients**. That’s a big confession, isn’t it!

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Dr. Vrain warns that almost all engineered foods come from crops that are dependent upon being sprayed with *Glyphosate* herbicide, which was first marketed as a BROAD SPECTRUM DESCALING AGENT CHELATOR that blocks mineral absorption. Mineral bio-unavailability is *very bad* for life. Your body needs minerals to live. There is no time left for apathy.

Chemical pollution of crops is an integral part of the technology. AG TECH may have to make reparations because of making unsubstantiated safety claims dating all the way back to 1996, when corn and soybeans were the first crops engineered to survive the herbicide *RoundUp*. The active ingredient of *RoundUp* is *Glyphosate*. The *Glyphosate* chelator was marketed as an “Antibiotic” and as an “Herbicide”, but actually it is a “biocide”.

Beans and pulse crops, grains and potatoes, sugar cane, and other engineered foods of high-tech agricultural practices contain *toxic chemical* residue that finds its way into your supermarket food. Yet farmers everywhere were falsely “assured” complete safety. But there are valid reasons why GMOs are a safety issue of global prime concern and 68-countries require GMO food must be labeled and have GMO restriction bans.

First, in 2008, **Italian scientists** published their combined research conclusions that GMOs harm the gut and immune system of mice.

Next, in 2009, **Greek scientists**, *Artemis Dona* of the UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS MEDICAL SCHOOL, and *Ioannis Arvanitoyannis* of the UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES both concluded in their research that their testing results had discovered sufficient evidence of plant toxicity proving GMO foods *are* harmful, and should be tested *more* thoroughly than drug testing, because GMO food is consumed by humans. They alerted the “*Plant Protection Act*” of the EUROPEAN UNION (EU).

Then, in 2012, **seven more researchers**, including **French scientist Gilles Seralini** concluded GM0 food was causative to organ damage and tumors in rats. The *nation* of FRANCE stands behind *Dr. Seralini’s* negative GMO findings *as valid*.

And finally, in 2013, **Dave Schubert**, head of the *Cellular Neurobiology Lab* at the SALK INSTITUTE FOR BIOLOGICAL STUDIES in *San Diego, CALIFORNIA* has confirmed that there is *solid data* showing that necessary components of the GMO technology *are* carcinogenic and toxic.

Furthermore, **Doug Gurian-Sherman**, a *Senior Scientist* with THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS argues that leaving companies in charge of themselves for safety-testing protocols is NOT in the best regulatory interest of the *American People*.

How would it feel if the FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) and the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) listened to *Crop Nutrition Adviser, Howard Vlieger’s* facts about his hogs fed GMOs.

Michael Taylor's feelings are not facts. MONSANTO has a long history of denialism over negative findings, but you can contact *Mr. Vlieger* at studentofthesoil@mtcnet.net.

There is a better choice than AG TECH. The UNITED NATIONS (UN) *Human Rights Commission* declared 2014 as *Year of Family Farming*. According to the UN, organic small-scale farms deliver positive benefits to the environment and human health by feeding the world's population and safeguarding biodiversity and the health of the soil. For more information contact *Miquel Robles* at justicebeginswithseeds@gmail.com.

World Food Justice

Your federal agencies are in *denial* of independent studies that contradict AG TECH press releases claiming GMO seed crops are cheaper and safer than other food. Suppression of negative findings for the past two decades by GMO proponents has resulted in close to two billion pounds of *Glyphosate* being heavily used on over 90% of the 500 million acres of engineered crops this year, in 2014.

Clearly the government of the USA entirely misses the reasons why people are concerned about the safety of engineered food that is high-tech agriculture. Therefore the eyes of the world see the INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE as a friendly WORLD COURT to uphold precautionary principles.

Because environmental and human health findings by independent scientific researchers and by farmers are unheeded by CONGRESS, that makes for a case of interference with *World Food Justice*.

Eventually the *Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) may join with citizens in a class action suit to be filed with the SUPREME COURT. But if the federal Judge just says, "*Quack, quack, quack*" to MONSANTO et al, then it's time to go above the noise to the INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE in asking for a WORLD COURT ruling to get the GMO food labeled worldwide and to safeguard organic farming practices on EARTH.

The giant chemical corporations must NOT continue to expect entitlement, while they leave a mess for the next generation to deal with. It's time for legal action to get an impartial ruling by the WORLD COURT for GMO seeds and their companion herbicides such as *Glyphosate* to be recognized as trespass against Nature, and thus, Life itself.

The WORLD COURT could rule to ban *Population Control* through food and water as a subcategory of *Genocide*. In case genetic engineering in agriculture doesn't know it, *Genocide* is an *International Crime*.

Oregon's Right to Know Measure 92

The OREGON *Secretary of State's* office certified 118,780 of the 155,661 "*I signed*" signatures turned in. There were 31,567 qualifying signatures above the 87,213 needed to qualify labeling GMOs for a statewide vote in November, 2014. It's called *The Right to Know* MEASURE 92.

Once OREGON voters pass **YES ON MEASURE 92** then manufacturers, retailers, and suppliers will label raw and packaged foods that are entirely or partially *Produced by Genetic Engineering*.

You may enjoy seeing the comical fleet of five fruit and vegetable-topped cars owned by *Dr. Bronner's* castile soap company on tour in OREGON. The "*Fishy*" cars touring the state poke some fun at all the baloney about transgenic being safe. It is a *false claim* that there is any alleged scientific consensus that GMO's are safe.

BAYER, BASF, DOW, DUPONT, MONSANTO, and SYNGENTA say it costs too much with tongue-in-cheek. Voters know it *won't* cost more to label GMOs because the packaging already exists for the 68 other nations that require labeling GMO food. That's about half the world that makes the giant chemical corporations comply. Anything less is bull. It is "*Fishy*" that Big Money fights GMO labeling laws.

Grandmothers and others, aren't AMERICA's kids more than "*resources*" for genetic exploitation. *Whole Foods* has 360 markets with \$12.9 billion annual sales, and *Whole Foods* corporate goal is to require all GMO foods be labeled by 2018.

There is a *Tidal Wave* of humanity encompassing the whole EARTH with love, light, and healing energy. Soon **YES ON MEASURE 92** bumper stickers, yard signs, and buttons will be available. If you would like to contribute, volunteer to help with events, do data entry, make phone calls, or help with MEASURE 92 mailings, please contact www.oregonrighttoknow.org.

When eating out, you can ask whether there are any menu items made with *USDA Certified Organic* and *Non-GMO Project Verified* ingredients, because the restaurant owner may want a *Food Integrity* seal of approval from www.familiesforfoodfreedom.com. That's because animal feed, pet food, and restaurants will still be exempt, but YES ON MEASURE 92 is a giant step in the right direction toward full disclosure.

(Sources: July 24, 2014, MAIL TRIBUNE News Briefs, "GMO Initiative qualifies for Oregon Ballot" PORTLAND; July 25, 2014 MAIL TRIBUNE, "*Comical cars in Valley tout anti-GMO Themes*" by John Darling; jdarling@jeffnet.org; July 25, 2014, DAILY TIDINGS, "*GMO mobiles*" by John Darling)

Nuclear Awareness builds in August

The *Women's International League of Peace and Freedom's* (WILPF) 2014 theme is Women's Power to End War. The Ashland, OREGON, WILPF branch invites you to come see the documentary film, *NUCLEAR SAVAGE The Islands of Secret Project 4.1*, by Adam Horowitz on Friday, August 1, at 1 p.m.

All are welcome. The admission is free. The location is downstairs in the *Gresham Room* of the Ashland, OREGON's *Public Library*.

Since the Library is closed on Fridays and this is a special showing of the movie, please enter the building via the Library's backdoor. Ring the doorbell for someone to come let you in if you arrive late after the door is locked.

The documentary is a shocking political expose about nuclear bomb testing in the 1950s and the radiation impact upon the *Pacific Islanders*, and how the USA conducted human biomedical radiation experiments upon them for decades.

KSKQ

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